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Economic Downturn Means Decreased City Funding

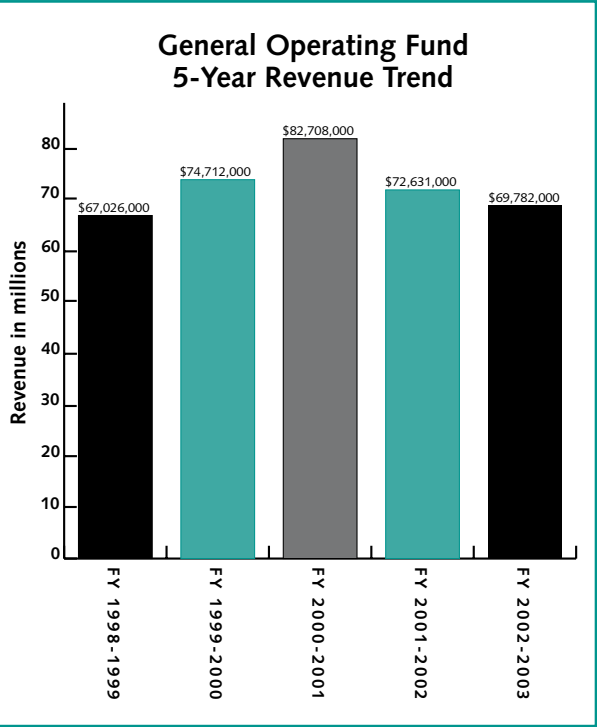
As the City Council continues work on preparing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2003-2004 budget that must be adopted by June 30, 2003, the continuing State and local economic slowdown is presenting the Council and City staff with significant financial challenges.

The continuing weakness in the economy has led to significant sales tax, hotel tax, and development fee revenue declines for the City. In addition, three major corporations have relocated outside the City recently, further reducing the amount of business-to-business sales within the City. The general economic slowdown, along with the closure of business locations that generated significant sales tax revenues in the City, means the income the City has typically relied on to fund City services has been severely eroded.

General Operating Funds Decline

The major challenge in developing a budget is the City's General Operating Fund, which supports the majority of City operations such as public safety (including fire and police services), community services (including parks and recreation services), community development and planning, public works and library services.

Revenues in the City's General Operating Fund have declined sharply from just two years ago when they reached a peak of \$82.7 million. Current fiscal year estimated revenues for the General Fund are approximately \$69.8 million. This is a decline from two years ago of almost \$12.9 million or 16.8 percent.



Sales tax has been the City's largest single source of revenue for the General Operating Fund. It is now the largest part of the City's decline in revenues. In FY 2000-01, sales tax revenues were \$24.1 million. In FY 2001-02, sales tax revenues declined to \$16.7 million. This FY 2002-03, sales tax revenues are estimated to be \$14.1 million. This is a decline of 41.6 percent from two years ago. The decline is expected to continue in FY 2003-04.

City governments have limited authority to create additional taxes or revenue sources and are required by law to balance their budgets. As a result, when local sales taxes decline, the decline can directly impact the basic services provided by the General Operating Fund.

City Utility Funds Decline

In addition to declines in its General Operating Fund revenues, the City's utility funds are experiencing decreases in revenue, as well. The local business slowdown means there is less business activity, resulting in lower utility revenues. At the same time, utility costs for the City are increasing. For example, the San Francisco Water Department, Mountain View's major water supplier, has proposed a 21.6 percent increase in the City's wholesale water costs. The cost increase is related to major capital improvements necessary for San Francisco to maintain the Hetch-Hetchy water system in sound condition.

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State Difficulties Impact City

The State of California is also currently considering significant budget reduction proposals for FY 2003-04, that would make matters even worse for City services. The most significant proposal is a reduction in the share of the vehicle license fees that cities receive, which helps fund their general operating budgets. In FY 2001-2002, Mountain View received \$4 million in vehicle license fee monies from the State. This fiscal year, the City has received \$3.1 million thus far. If current proposals are adopted, the City could lose \$2.9 million for FY 2003-04.

In addition, the State is considering a take-away of tax monies from redevelopment agencies. This would include Mountain View's Revitalization Authority, which uses a portion of downtown property taxes to make improvements to the City's downtown. These improvements encourage business investment downtown. When businesses invest, property taxes rise and the Revitalization Authority can use the incremental increase in property taxes to make further improvements in the area.

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CITY MISSION STATEMENT
The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.



City Council Moves to Replace Senior Center Building

The City Council is taking steps to reallocate funds originally slated for the construction of a new Community Center building to the construction of a new Senior Center building. The current discussion about whether to build a new Senior Center before building a new Community Center is the result of a study that determined the existing Senior Center building at 266 Escuela Avenue has significant seismic, plumbing, electrical and accessibility issues.

At the present time, there are insufficient funds for the construction of both projects.

Interim Facility Planned


On February 25, the Council authorized City staff to move forward with the construction of an interim, modular Senior Center facility that will be located on the same parcel of land as the existing Senior Center. All senior programs will continue during the construction of a new facility, including the Lunch Nutrition program. The senior garden has been relocated to the nearby Hetch Hetchy right-of-way, also located on Escuela Avenue.

The interim facility will be used though fall 2006, when a new permanent facility is expected to be completed.

Permanent Facility Construction

At the same meeting, the Council also authorized City staff to proceed with design plans for the construction of a new, permanent Senior Center facility. The Master Plan for the facility was adopted in November 2002 and includes a 25,000 sq.ft. building. The Master Plan also provides expansion opportunities and space for a senior day health care facility adjacent to the Senior Center.

The design of the new facility is now underway and construction is expected to begin spring 2005, with completion and occupancy of the building in the fall of 2006.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. 

Mountain View's Housing Element Receives State Certification


The City of Mountain View's updated Housing Element has been certified by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development. Mountain View is one of only nine Cities in Santa Clara County to have its housing element certified thus far.

The updated Housing Element will be used by the City of Mountain View to guide future decisions on housing issues and on rezoning additional land for housing.

The process of updating the City's Housing Element began in January 2001 and included more than twenty City Council, Environmental Planning Commission and public meetings, as well as workshops. The goal of the updated Housing Element is to outline a plan for the City to provide enough affordable and market-rate housing units in the community to meet Mountain View's current and future housing needs.

The new Housing Element calls for the City to provide enough residentially zoned land for an additional 3,423 units of new housing by 2006. Approximately seventy-five percent of the new housing units can be built on land already zoned for housing. The remaining twenty-five percent of the new units will be built on land that must be rezoned in order to allow for housing. The Housing Element identifies six potential sites for these new housing units.


The Housing Element includes a five-year schedule that spells out the next steps the City must take to help provide additional housing, including rezoning identified sites to allow for new housing and implementing housing programs.

Copies of Mountain View's Housing Element are available from the Community Development Department (CDD) on the first floor of City Hall or on the City's website at www.ci.mtnview.ca.us. For additional information, call the CDD at (650) 903-6306. 

Historic Rengstorff House Gets New Victorian Touches

Mountain View's historic Rengstorff House, located in Shoreline Park, has been outfitted with new furnishings and finishes, including replicas of authentic Victorian period drapes, valences and accessories. Richly-colored, intricately-corded curtains were also made for the parlor doorway, replicating another Victorian tradition. The new decor was made possible by a private donation made through the Friends of Rengstorff House.

Rengstorff House is open for free public tours on Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information about events at Rengstorff House, call (650) 903-6088. To take a virtual tour of the House, visit www.r-house.org. 



Budget Process

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A State take-away of these monies would impact the City's ongoing efforts to redevelop and revitalize Mountain View's downtown. The State is also considering a third proposal that would suspend reimbursements of State-mandated costs incurred by cities. If each of these proposed reductions is approved, this could translate into additional revenue losses for Mountain View of \$3.2 million in FY 2003-04.

Contingency Planning Helps Mountain View

Prior to the recent economic downturn, the City of Mountain View established an Economic Stabilization Contingency (ESC). The purpose of the ESC is to provide a cushion for the City in the event of unexpected declines in revenues, or when actual revenues received do not meet projections. The ESC has allowed Mountain View to avoid mid-year budget reductions like those faced by many other public agencies this current fiscal year. In addition, the City has set aside additional funds during the past two fiscal years in a Budget Transition Reserve with the expectation that the economy will take several years to improve again, and that the City will need to implement structural changes to adjust to a lower revenue base in the future. These contingency monies, coupled with expenditure reductions that the City made in anticipation of an economic downturn, will allow the City to fund some one-time transition costs of restructuring the City organization.

City Creates Strategy for Budget Reductions

Despite preparations for the an economic downturn, the City's budget situation remains serious. Even though the Economic Stabilization Contingency and the Budget Transition Reserve have helped mitigate current shortfalls, neither is enough to prevent the City from making budget reductions for next fiscal year. As the City Council and City staff continue the FY 2003-04 budget process, they will be guided by a set of principles developed by the Council on March 4. (See inset box.) The principles are intended to ensure that the City remain committed to its mission of providing 'quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.'

It Pays to Shop in Mountain View

Did you know that every time you shop at stores or eat at restaurants in Mountain View, the City receives 1% of the 8.25 % sales tax that is collected. (The State and other agencies receive the other 7.25 percent.) Although this percentage may seem small, sales tax revenue quickly adds up for the City. Sales tax, plus hotel tax revenues account for approximately 25% of the revenue used by the City's General Operating Fund.




The General Operating Fund supports the majority of the basic services and programs local residents and businesses rely on, including police and fire services, recreation and parks services, library services, and community development and planning services.

When local sales taxes decline, the decline directly impacts these basic services. Without the ability to create additional taxes or revenue sources, the City has no choice but to reduce spending on services and public facilities.

So, remember, every time you shop locally or dine out on Castro Street or anywhere in Mountain View, you help support and maintain the quality of City services Mountain View residents have come to expect from the City, and that make Mountain View such a desirable place to live.

FY 2003-2004 Budget Adoption

Dates for the budget adoption process have not yet been confirmed. Updates and information are available on the City website at www.ci.mtnview.ca.us or www.mountainview.gov, and by calling the Finance and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6316. 



The View's Ask City Hall column presents some of the most frequently asked questions at the City Hall Central Reception Desk. If you have a question regarding City services, programs or about the City in general, contact the City by:

- **Telephone:** (650) 903-6300
- **Fax:** (650) 903-6039
- **Email:** city.clerk@ci.mtnview.ca.us
- **Internet:** www.ci.mtnview.ca.us or www.mountainview.gov
- **Post:** P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

Question: How do I make a reservation for the barbeque area at either Cuesta Park or Rengstorff Park?

Answer: The barbeque areas at both Cuesta and Rengstorff Parks are available for rentals from May through October. Mountain View residents, companies and organizations are eligible to reserve the areas.

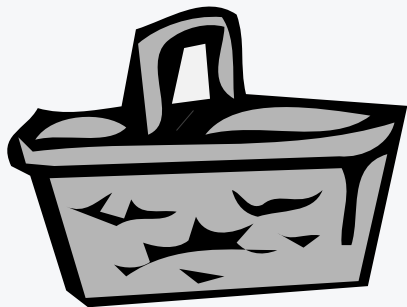
The Cuesta Park barbeque area can accommodate as many as 200 people (four sections, 50 people each). The barbeque area at Rengstorff Park can accommodate up to 250 people (five sections, 50 people each). Amenities include large barbeque grills, 6 to 8 tables per section and electrical outlets.

All groups larger than 50 people using a Mountain View park are required to have a general use permit.

Here's how to obtain a reservation form:

- To have a reservation form faxed, call Citylink at (650) 526-7600 and request message number 504.
- To download a form off the internet, go to the City's website at www.ci.mtnview.ca.us or www.mountainview.gov. Then access the Parks and Recreation Facilities page and click on the Barbeque and Park Rental Information section.
- In-person reservations can be made at the Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue between 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.


For more information about barbeque reservations, call the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331.



Council Agrees on Principles for Balancing Budget

On March 4, 2003, the Council held its annual goal setting session, along with a special budget briefing workshop. At that session, the Council identified the guiding principles it will use in adopting the FY 2003-2004 budget.

These budget balancing principles include:

- maintaining essential services and facilities
- minimizing impacts on services to the public
- maximizing organizational efficiencies
- protecting the City's long-term fiscal integrity
- establishing a long-term, sustainable level and mix of City services
- carefully evaluating the long-term impact of all budget decisions-not just using a '1 year' perspective
- protecting the City's infrastructure investment through appropriate maintenance
- carefully evaluating increased maintenance and operating costs of new projects. 

Free Summer Concerts in the Park and on the Plaza

The City of Mountain View presents a host of musical talent this summer in a free series of Thursday evening concerts in Cuesta Park, located on Cuesta Drive near Grant Road, and at Civic Center Plaza, located downtown at 500 Castro Street. Bring a folding chair and picnic dinner.

Cuesta Park Concerts

Thursday, July 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
The Swing Solution
(Swing, Jump Swing and Big Band)

Thursday, July 24, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
The Cheeseballs
(70s Disco and 80s Pop Classics)

Thursday, August 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Watsonville Band
(75-member Marching and Concert Band)

Civic Center Plaza Concerts

Thursday, July 17, 6:30-8:00 pm.
Caravanserai
(The sounds of Santana come to life)
Sponsored by the City of Mountain View Human Relations Commission

Thursday, July 31, 6:30-8:00 pm.
City Rocks
(Rock and Roll review of Bay Area Artists)

Thursday, August 14, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Blow Kings
(Jazz/Rock Guitarist)

For more information about the summer concert series, call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.

Free Children's Theater Productions in the Park

The Peninsula Youth Theatre, in partnership with the City of Mountain View, presents free children's theater productions this summer at the Center for the Performing Arts' ParkStage, 500 Castro Street.

Youngsters who would like to become part of these productions can sign up for Theatre in the Park summer camps. Each production is a two-week session. The camps include instruction in acting, set-building, props, and costuming. Check the enclosed Summer Recreation Guide for information on how to register for summer camp.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the Children's Theatre in the Park shows that are produced at the end of each camp session. Bring a blanket and picnic dinner to enjoy these special 40-minute productions, presented each Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. from June 27 to August 15.

June 28	Snow White
July 3	The Emperor's New Clothes
July 11	Fantastic Mr. Fox
July 18	James and the Giant Peach
July 25	The Elves and the Shoemaker
August 1	Humpty Dumpty is Missing
August 8	The Dancing Spider
August 15	Dragon of the Winds

For more information about shows and times, call the Center for the Performing Arts at (650) 903-6000 or visit: www.mvcpa.com

July 4th Celebration

SHORELINE AMPHITHEATER FRIDAY, JULY 4

- Mountain View residents are eligible for discounted lawn and upper reserved seating tickets for the event at \$15.25 each.
- An additional parking fee will be collected the night of the event.
- Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
- Discounted upper reserved seating subject to availability.
- Bring proof of Mountain View residency (a driver's license and current utility bill with a Mountain View address) or a Shoreline Resident Ticket Identification Card to the Amphitheatre Box Office. Box Office hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday–Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.
- There is a limit of 6 tickets per coupon and one coupon per family.
- Tickets go on sale April 27, 2003.
- Purchase tickets at the Box Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 30, 2003.

Celebrate July 4 at Shoreline Amphitheatre

Mountain View residents are eligible to purchase discounted tickets to this year's July 4th Celebration at Shoreline Amphitheatre, featuring the San Francisco Symphony. The City of Mountain View is a co-sponsor of this event.


Doors open at 5:00 pm and the concert will begin at 8:00 pm. The concert will conclude with a spectacular fireworks show.

Mountain View residents can use the coupon provided above to purchase discounted tickets to the July 4 concert event.

For more information about the July 4th celebration, call the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office at (650) 967-4040.

Amphitheatre Discontinues New Orleans by the Bay Event at Shoreline

Shoreline Amphitheatre has announced that it has discontinued its annual New Orleans by the Bay event previously. Clear Channel Entertainment, which operates the Amphitheatre venue, cited declining ticket sales and a significant drop in corporate sponsorships as reasons why the event was no longer economically feasible for the company to continue.

The City of Mountain View is continuing its cosponsorship funding for the annual July 4 celebration this year so that Mountain View residents can enjoy discounted tickets to the event. 

Smithsonian Accepts Mountain View's September 11 Community Remembrance Book

The Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History has accepted the City of Mountain View's September 11 Community Remembrance Book as part of the Institution's permanent collection.

Shortly after the events of September 11, 2001, the City began collecting the written condolences and thoughts of local residents regarding the tragic events of that day. More than 300 messages were collected and bound into a Community Remembrance Book that was then offered to the Smithsonian by the City.

The Community Remembrance Book contains hundreds of written expressions by community members, along with drawings from young people, that reflect Mountain View's efforts to cope with the trauma of September 11. The Book was designed to bring our community closer together.

The Smithsonian Institution will use the Community Remembrance Book as an example of local community response to an historic moment. The Book will join the Institution's body of representative artifacts illustrating the reaction of individuals and organizations to September 11.

For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301. 

Annual Community Yard Sale

Enjoy a fun day of bargain hunting as the City of Mountain View Community Services Department/Recreation Division hosts its Eighth Annual Community Yard Sale.

On Saturday, May 31, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Rengstorff Park will be alive with residents and nonprofit groups selling gently-used treasures.

The cost to reserve a space with a table is \$26 and \$10 for a space only (no table). Sellers are reminded that there should be no new or handmade items.

Booth space is limited. The registration deadline for booth space is Friday, May 2, 2003. For more information, call Cheri Mingst at the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6405.



CONNECTING *with your* COMMUNITY

THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW'S VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM GIVES YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO TURN YOUR SPECIAL TALENTS AND ABILITIES INTO POSITIVE ACTION. THE VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM IS COMMITTED TO CITIZEN PARTICIPATION BY MATCHING PEOPLE WITH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL RAE BLASQUEZ, COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES, AT (650) 903-6607.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Police Department—H.A.P.P. Team—The Police Department's Handicapped Area Parking Patrol (H.A.P.P.) Team needs volunteers. Help educate the public about handicapped parking regulations and help enforce the regulations. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. A training course is provided. Team members work in pairs. For more information, call Community Service Officer Jim Bennett at (650) 903-6357.

Police Department—Home Security Inspections and Radar Trailer Deployment—Volunteers are needed to provide home security inspections for Mountain View residences and volunteers are also needed to help deploy mobile radar trailers throughout the community. Training is provided for both positions. For more information, call Community Service Officer Jim Bennett at (650) 903-6357.

Center for the Performing Arts—Art Docents—Volunteers are needed to host the public art work on display in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. For more information, call (650) 903-6568.

Fire Department—CERT Team—Volunteers are needed to assist with coordinating and conducting Community Emergency Response Team training for the community. Volunteers are also needed to assist with creating display boards and organizing public education materials. For more information, call (650) 903-6607.

Center for the Performing Arts—Ushers are needed to assist patrons during performances at the Center. The next two-session usher training will be Monday, September 8 and September 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the MainStage at the Center. Volunteers must attend both sessions. No pre-registration is required. For more information, call Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or mail jennifer.stokely@ci.mtnview.ca.us.

Shoreline—Volunteer Rangers are needed to work at the Gatehouse to greet visitors, provide information and monitor activities. Patrol Rangers are needed for both Shoreline and Stevens Creek Trail to provide visitor information, help educate the public about trail policies and keep the trails free of litter. All volunteer Rangers are supplied with an information manual, uniform and training. The Trail Rangers are supplied with a two-way radio for emergencies. All opportunities are available 7-days-a-week. Trail hours are flexible. The Gatehouse is staffed in three-hour shifts. Volunteers must be at least 18-years old. For more information, call Ginny Kaminski at (650) 903-6073 or email ginny.kaminski@ci.mtnview.ca.us.

Rengstorff House and Garden Docents—Volunteers are needed at the City's historic Rengstorff House. Education Docents have the opportunity to teach visitors about the past while conducting tours of the restored house. The House is open on Sundays, Tuesdays and

Wednesdays from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Staffing is in three-hour shifts. Garden docents are needed to work in the gardens and provide flower arrangements for the House. Work hours are flexible. For more information, call Ginny Kaminski at (650) 903-6073 or email ginny.kaminski@ci.mtnview.ca.us.

Various Departments—Office Assistant—Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of tasks such as data entry, copying, collating, mailings, filing and phones. Days and hours are flexible. For more information, call (650) 903-6607.

Various Departments—Visual Marketing Assistant—Use your graphic design talents to help create display boards and other visual marketing tools. Hours and days are flexible. For more information, call (650) 903-6607.

Summer Youth Opportunities

Library—Student Assistants—Students aged 14 and older are needed to help prepare program materials, shelf library materials and assist with various projects. Applications are available in the Children's Services area of the Library and are due by May 30. For more information, call Maynard Martinez at (650) 526-7043 or email: maynard.martinez@ci.mtnview.ca.us.

Recreation Division—Leaders in Training—Assist Recreation staff with summer day camps by helping to lead games, sports, crafts and field trips. Students 13 and older are invited to apply by May 9. For more information, call Cynthia Flosi at (650) 903-6410.

Recreation Division—Junior Lifeguards—Volunteers 13 and older are needed to work as Junior Lifeguards. All applicants must complete a Water Safety Instructor course before starting. For more information, call Cheri Mingst at (650) 903-6405 or email: cheri.mingst@ci.mtnview.ca.us.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Deer Hollow Farm—Docents—Volunteer teaching docents are needed to help teach school children about farm life, the wilderness and California Native Americans for next school year. Garden, maintenance, and livestock volunteers, along with weekend docents, are also needed to help run the farm. Training and enrichment classes are provided. The next training session is September 17, 18 and 19. Call Deer Hollow Farm at (650) 903-6430 for more information and to reserve a training space.

Community Development—Mediators—The City is recruiting volunteers to help resolve rental housing, neighborhood, consumer and workplace disputes as mediators. Volunteers must successfully complete a 32-hour training course to learn mediation skills and conflict resolution techniques. Applicants must live, work or own property in Mountain View. For more information and to obtain applications, call the Mediation Office at (650) 960-0495.

A Summer Full of Free Programs at the Library



The Mountain View Library offers an array of summer programs for young people of all ages and their families this summer. All programs are free and open to the public.

Summer Reading Program and the Reading Families

Program Kick Off June 12

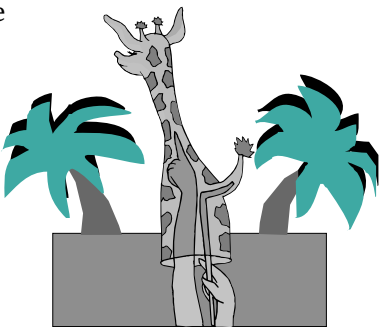
The Library's Summer Reading Program offers young people an opportunity to keep track of the books they read independently during summer vacation and receive prizes for meeting individual goals. This year's theme is **'Join the Winner's Circle: Read!'**

A parallel program called Reading Families is open to family members of all ages, including non-readers. Preschoolers receive credit for books read to them and older participants record books read aloud or alone. A prize is awarded to families who complete the program.

Book prizes for both programs are sponsored by The Friends of the Mountain View Library.

A Summer Reading Program and Family Reading Program Kick Off party will be held Thursday, June 12 in Pioneer Park from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Families are invited to bring a picnic supper and a blanket. Cake will also be provided by the Friends of the Library, who help make the summer reading activities possible.

A free puppet performance of 'Just So Stories' by P&T Puppet Theater will begin at 7:00 p.m.



Sign up for both programs at the Kick Off party or visit the Mountain View Library and ask to sign up.

Club Read Program for School-Age Children

Club Read is a free series of weekly programs designed to inspire school-age children to read about a wide variety of topics. The program includes puppets and marionettes, magic, musical performers, live animals and storytelling. Club Read meets Thursday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. in the Library's Community Room.

Become a Library Detective


Librology, a library research game for children 8 years and older, begins July 1 and runs through July 31. Children are introduced to electronic resources, reference books and research skills as they hunt for information treasures.

Saturday Family Stories Plus

Saturday Family Stories Plus will continue throughout the summer each Saturday from 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Families are treated to stories as well as music and movement activities.

La Hora del Cuento en Espanol

La Hora del Cuento en Espanol, a Spanish language story time, presented in cooperation with Castro School, will be offered June 7, July 5 and August 2 from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

For more information about any of the Library's programs for children, call Children's Services at (650) 903-6897. 

Changes Planned for City Water:

Spotlight on Dialysis Patients



The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) will convert its drinking water disinfectant from chlorine to chloramine in late fall 2003.

The conversion will involve most water users in Mountain View and most customers will not notice the change. If you reside or work in the area bounded by Cuesta Drive to the south and extending north, east and west to City boundaries, your water will be disinfected by chloramine after the SFPUC conversion.



The conversion will help meet stricter regulations and ensure high quality drinking water for Mountain View residences and businesses.

Although people and animals can safely drink chloraminated water, chloramine, like chlorine, must be removed or neutralized in water for special users. These users include kidney dialysis patients, some business and industrial customers, and residents who use pond water for fish and amphibian pets.

In preparation for the conversion, *The View* spotlights various issues related to the chloramine conversion. This issue explores how the conversion will affect kidney dialysis patients.

Chloramine must be removed from the kidney dialysis process or it may affect dialysis patients. Mountain View's only dialysis facility currently meets standards for chloramine removal in the dialysis process.

Although chloramine must be removed from the dialysis process, it is safe for dialysis patients to use chloraminated water for drinking, cooking and bathing because the digestive process neutralizes chloramine before it enters the bloodstream.


For more information about kidney dialysis and chloramine, contact your local dialysis provider, or the Trans Pacific Renal Network at (415) 472-8590 and online at www.network17.org.

Get the Facts on Chloramine

You can find out more about chloramine by phone, on the web or by mail.

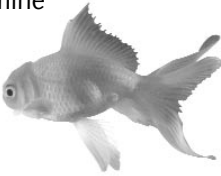
For phone information, call the Mountain View Information Line at (650) 903-6543.

To access information on the worldwide web, visit: better.sfwater.org or www.ci.mtnview.ca.us/citynews.chloramine.htm

To receive chloramine fact sheets from the City, please complete the mail-in request form provided above and to the right. 

CHLORAMINE FACT SHEET REQUEST FORM

Please send me the chloramine outreach materials checked below:



Fish Fact Sheet

☐ (in English) ☐ (in Spanish) ☐ (in Chinese)

Business Fact Sheet

☐ (in English) ☐ (in Spanish) ☐ (in Chinese)

NAME

BUSINESS NAME (IF APPLICABLE)

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

SEND IT TO:

Public Works Department, Chloramine Conversion, 231 Whisman Road
Mountain View, CA 94043

QUESTIONS? SUGGESTIONS?

Mountain View Citygram

How are we doing? Feedback from you is very important to us. Curious about a City service or program? Have an idea you'd like to share? Know a City employee who did a particularly good job? The City Manager's Office would like to hear from you. Send your remarks on a Citygram and you will receive a prompt response from the appropriate City department.

Thank you for your comments.

Send your comments to the Mountain View City Manager's Office, Post Office Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039

NAME

DATE

ADDRESS

ZIP CODE

DAYTIME PHONE

I would like a reply:

☐ by telephone ☐ by mail
☐ no reply necessary

For City Staff use:



CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

CITY BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS

October 17, 2003 is the application deadline for Mountain View citizens wishing to serve on one of the following City board, commissions or committees:

LIBRARY BOARD (1 position)

(Meets on the third Monday evening of the month)

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION (2 positions)

(Meets on the first and third Wednesday evenings of the month)

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (1 position)

(Meets on the second Wednesday evening of the month)

DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE (5 positions)

(Meets on the first Tuesday morning of the month)

VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE (3 positions)

(Meets on the second Wednesday evening of the month)

There may be incumbents who wish to be reappointed.

The Board, Commissions and Committees serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council and are made up of volunteer members.

Appointments are available on an equal opportunity basis.

Call the City Clerk's Office at 903-6304 for further information and applications.

Calendar

May

- 1

Human Relations Commission,
6:30 p.m., PCR
- 2

Deadline to register for the May 31 Community Yard Sale
Call (650) 903-6405 for information.
- 6

Downtown Committee, 8:00 a.m., PCR, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 7

Environmental Planning Commission,
7:00 p.m., CC
- 12

Performing Arts Advisory Committee,
7:00 p.m., Rehearsal Studio, Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street
- 13

City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 14

Visual Arts Committee, 6:00 p.m., ACR

Parks and Recreation Commission,
7:00 p.m., Library Community Room,
585 Franklin Street
- 9

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off
in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 10

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off
in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 17

National River Clean Up Day,
9:00 a.m. to Noon. Meet at Stevens Creek Trail Head at the end of Central Avenue (not Central Expressway)

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off
in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.

Home Composting Workshop,
10:00 a.m. to 12 noon,
Mountain View Community Center,
210 South Rengstorff Avenue,
Call 408-918-4640 to register.
- 19

Library Board, 7:30 p.m.,
Library Community Room,
585 Franklin Street
- 21

Environmental Planning Commission,
7:00 p.m., CC
- 25

Memorial Day holiday,
City offices closed.
- 27

City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 28

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee,
6:30 p.m., PCR
- 30

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off
in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.

STEVENS CREEK CLEAN UP

Be a part of National River Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 17, 2003 by joining friends and neighbors in removing debris and trash from Stevens Creek.

Interested volunteers are invited to meet at the Stevens Creek Trail head located at the end of Central Avenue (not Central Expressway), at 9:00 a.m. The event lasts until 12:00 noon.

For more information, contact the Fire Department's Environmental Protection Division at (650) 903-6378.

- 31

Community Yard Sale,
8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.,
Rengstorff Park,
201 South Rengstorff Avenue

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off
in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.

June

- 3

Downtown Committee, 8:00 a.m., PCR
- 4

Environmental Planning Commission,
7:00 p.m., CC
- 5

Human Relations Commission,
6:30 p.m., PCR
- 10

City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 11

Visual Arts Committee, 6:00 p.m., ACR

Parks and Recreation Commission,
7:00 p.m., Library Community Room,
585 Franklin Street
- 12

Summer Reading Kick Off Party,
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.,
Mountain View Public Library,
585 Franklin Street
- 13

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off
in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 14

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off
in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 16

Library Board, 7:30 p.m.,
Library Community Room,
585 Franklin Street
- 18

Environmental Planning Commission,
7:00 p.m., CC
- 21

Home Composting Workshop,
10:00 a.m. to 12 noon,
Mountain View Community Center,
210 South Rengstorff Avenue,
Call 408-918-4640 to register.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off
in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 24

City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 25

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 27

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off
in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 28

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off
in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.

Budget Adoption Process

Dates for the budget adoption process are still being confirmed.

Updates and information are available on the City website at www.ci.mtnview.ca.us and by calling the Finance and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6316.

July

- 1

Downtown Committee, 8:00 a.m., PCR
- 2

Environmental Planning Commission,
7:00 p.m., CC
- 3

Human Relations Commission,
6:30 p.m., PCR
- 4

Independence Day holiday,
City offices closed.
- 8

City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 9

Visual Arts Committee, 6:00 p.m., ACR

Parks and Recreation Commission,
7:00 p.m., Library Community Room,
585 Franklin Street
- 16

Environmental Planning Commission,
7:00 p.m., CC
- 19

Home Composting Workshop,
10:00 a.m. to 12 noon,
Mountain View Community Center,
210 South Rengstorff Avenue.
Call 408-918-4640 to register.
- 21

Library Board, 7:30 p.m.,
Library Community Room,
585 Franklin Street
- 30

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 7:00 p.m., PCR

August

- 5

Downtown Committee, 8:00 a.m., PCR

City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 6

Environmental Planning Commission,
7:00 p.m., CC
- 13

Visual Arts Committee, 6:00 p.m., ACR

Parks and Recreation Commission,
7:00 p.m., Library Community Room,
585 Franklin Street
- 16

Home Composting Workshop,
10:00 a.m. to 12 noon,
Mountain View Community Center,
210 South Rengstorff Avenue.
Call 408-918-4640 to register.
- 18

Performing Arts Advisory Committee,
7:00 p.m., Rehearsal Studio, Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street

Library Board, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 19

City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 20

Environmental Planning Commission,
7:00 p.m., CC
- 27

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee,
6:30 p.m., PCR

CC – Council Chambers, City Hall
PCR – Plaza Conference Room, City Hall
ACR – Atrium Conference Room, City Hall

All dates are subject to change. Contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times. Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.